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## COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

Applicant disagrees with the Statement of Reasons for Allowance. The Statement of Reasons for Allowance indicate that the term microactuator be read in light of the disclosure as being a voice coil motor. As shown in FIGS. 1 and 2 and discussed in the specification, the voice coil motor (VCM) and the microactuator are two separate structures. VCM, or the main actuator, is arranged to rotate an actuation arm on a spindle around an axis. A load beam is connected to the actuator arm and a gimbal is connected to an end of the load beam. A microactuator positions the slider with respect to the gimbal. The microactuator is attached to the gimbal and carries the slider.

As discussed at page 5, lines 3-10, the VCM coarsely positions the slider by moving the actuator arm and the microactuator finely positions the slider by generating a force which causes bending of the beam springs located on the microactuator resulting in the portion of the microactuator carrying the slider moving slightly with respect to the gimbal.

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Thus, Applicant disagrees with Examiner's statement that the term microactuator is read in light of the disclosure as being a voice coil motor. The voice coil motor and the microactuator are separate actuators which coarsely and finely, respectively, position the slider. Applicant respectfully requests that these comments be entered in the application file.

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